## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-54-C - ORDER NO. 2006-645

NOVEMBER 2, 2006

	Petition of Arbitration of Momentum Telecom	)	ORDER HOLDING
	Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	)	MATTER IN ABEYANCE
	Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of	)	FOR ADDITIONAL
	1996	)	PERIOD

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Momentum Telecom, Inc. (Momentum), with the consent of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), (collectively, the Companies) that the proceedings in this Docket, including any procedural schedules which have been issued, be held in abeyance for 90 additional days while the parties continue to negotiate and await the outcome of the "change-of-law" proceedings in the BellSouth region. In light of this request, the companies also agree to extend by 270 days the statutory deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding. Momentum advises that the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) consents to this request.

We note that we have previously held the proceedings in this Docket in abeyance and extended the deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding. See Order No. 2006-236 and Order No. 2006-436. However, we believe that the reasoning applied in the previous Orders still apply. Clearly, a continuation of negotiations is still worthwhile. Further, the outcome of the "change-of-law" proceedings still has the potential to affect the positions of both the companies and ORS.

Accordingly, these proceedings, including any procedural schedules which have been issued, shall be held in abeyance for 90 additional days and the statutory deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding is hereby extended for an additional 270 days.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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